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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF GENSCHER MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT

1. THE VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TO WASHINGTON AND SAN CLEMENTE WAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN THE QUALITY GERMAN PRESS, WITH EMPHASIS IN WRAP-UP REPORTS ON THE UNANIMITY OF VIEW AMONG GENSCHER, PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNHINDERED ACCESS TO BERLIN AND THE PROCESS OF EAST-WEST DETENTE. SOME PRESS REPORTS ALSO LED WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD INFORMED GENSCHER THAT THE U.S. WOULD HOLD OFF ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECOGNITION OF THE GDR IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS WOULD HINDER TRAFFIC ON THE TRANSIT ROUTES TO BERLIN.

2. OTHER MAIN POINTS IN THE COVERAGE INCLUDED: 1) EMPHASIS BY GENSCHER ON THE "AMAZINGLY GOOD DEVELOPMENT" OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
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ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO

CONTACTS DURING THE CYPRUS CRISIS; 2) AGREEMENT ON THE CENTRAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING CSCE, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUALITY OF TREATMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES RELATING TO PEACEFUL CHANGE AND INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS; 3) GENSCHER'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY WAS PROCEEDING UNDISTURBED BY INTERNAL AMERICAN POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

3. COVERAGE ALSO GAVE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS TO THE UNUSUALLY CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING THE GENSCHER VISIT. THE STOPOVER AT THE NORTH DAKOTA MISSILE SITE WAS INTERPRETED AS A SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF THE SECRETARY'S REGARD FOR GENSCHER. REPORTS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED GENSCHER'S COMMENTS ON THE DEPTH AND SCOPE OF THE PRESIDENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF DETAILS OF CURRENT ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO BERLIN, THE "VERY CALM, BUT VERY INTENSIVE" ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS IN SAN CLEMENTE, AND GENSCHER'S HIGHLY POSITIVE EVALUATION OF THE VISIT, WHICH, HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, CAME AT AN "IDEAL TIME".
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